

say aye, contrary say nay. The bill is advanced.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Kahle has pending from Friday a motion to withdraw LB 527.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, members of the body, we passed a resolution last Friday that does the same thing that 527 was intended to do so I ask for unanimous consent to withdraw 527.

PRESIDENT: We are going to have to have a machine vote, Senator Kahle. That is the question to withdraw the bill. Record your vote. Have you voted? Record.

CLERK: 29 ayes, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The bill is withdrawn.

CLERK: LB 30 is on Final Reading correctly engrossed. There is a series of motions to return the bill. The first one is offered by Jerry Koch. I move to return LB 30 to Select File for specific amendment. Signed Senator Koch. The specific amendment is a computer printout. It is found, I suspect, in your bill book amending the bill by amending 77-2794. The motion is to return it to Select File for a specific amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. President and members of the body, the intent of the amendment that I offer to LB 30 is an effort to stimulate and encourage citizens of the State of Nebraska to look seriously at alternate solar systems as a means to supplement their present environmental systems used either in their businesses or in their construction of industry or in their homes. This very simply, I propose that we exempt this type of equipment from a sales tax. Hopefully by doing this, we will encourage the citizens, architects, engineers, and others to take a serious look at solar systems which are on the market, are available and have proven to be successful as a supplement to the systems we normally think of as either being electric or natural gas. That is the purpose of the amendment I am offering, and as I say, I think it would be an encouragement to the citizens of this state when they are exempted from a sales tax to look at this as an alternate system to supplement their present systems. I ask for the adoption of this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Mills.

SENATOR MILLS: Mr. President, I certainly agree with Senator Koch. One of the bills that I introduced this year had to do with the relief of...could be a relief of property tax on solar systems and would have to be voted on by the electorate to change the Constitution. Senator Koch has found another way which certainly has merit. It certainly is accepted by a lot of people in the State of Nebraska that there is an energy situation, there is an energy shortage, that those people who are using solar systems are being somewhat penalized since they are trying to cooperate in the saving of energy. I think we owe them this opportunity to remove that sales tax from those solar systems, therefore, encouraging the use of solar energy systems in the State of Nebraska. I